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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,	<u>VERIFIED ANSWER</u>
-against-	
\$40,180 in United States currency,	07 Civ. 10660 (CM)
Defendant-in-rem.	

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Claimant, RAMON NOVAS, by his attorneys, GOLDSTEIN & WEINSTEIN, answering the complaint of the plaintiff, respectfully alleges and shows this court as follows:

FIRST: Denies the allegations in the complaint herein designated as 8, 10, 11.

SECOND: Denies sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth or accuracy of the allegations of the complaint herein designated as 4, 5, except admits that claimant was in his vehicle when he was stopped by the police, 6, 7.

WHEREFORE, claimant, RAMON NOVAS, demands judgement as follows:

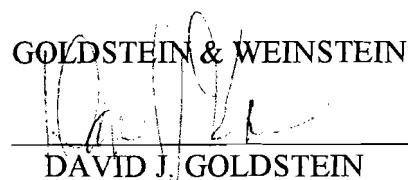
- (a) dismissing the plaintiff's complaint; and
- (b) directing the return of the money which is the subject of this action
- (c) together with the costs and disbursements of this action;
- (d) together with such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.

DATED: December 26, 2007
Bronx, New York

YOURS, etc.,

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VERIFICATION

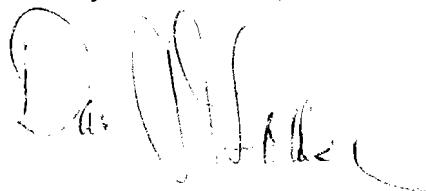
STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF BRONX :
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK)

RAMON NOVAS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That he is the claimant in this case, and has read the foregoing answer, and knows the contents thereof, and that the answer is true to the best of his own knowledge, information and belief.


RAMON NOVAS

Sworn to before me this
26th day of December, 2007



DAVID J. GOLDSTEIN
NOTARY PUBLIC

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